

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF BRAZIL FOR CAPRINE SEMEN EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The caprine semen must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate in English and Portuguese issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the semen to be exported. See attached certificate for certification statements, testing and other requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. These conditions for importation pertain to exports of caprine semen from the United States, country recognized as free of from bovine spongiform encephalopathy, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (*Mycoplasma mycoides mycoides* - small colony), contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination, peste des petits ruminants, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest, and sheep and goat pox, and recognized as such by the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA).
2. Only semen from donor goats born and raised in the United States or legally imported and resident for at least 60 days prior to the onset of semen collection may be exported to Brazil.
3. Only semen collected from donors in an artificial insemination center or collection facility registered and approved by APHIS may be exported to Brazil. The conditions for approving facilities shall be as per the appendix concerning "Small Ruminant Semen" of the OIE International Animal Health Code. APHIS is required to provide the Brazilian MAPA a list with complete addresses of artificial insemination centers or collection facilities approved for caprine semen export to Brazil. The artificial insemination center (AIC) or collection facility must be inspected and approved by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) according to the animal health requirements of Brazil for imported caprine semen, such that it meets the requirements in item 3 of the requirements of Brazil for the importation of caprine semen. Note: The pertinent appendix is located on http://www.oie.int/eng/normes/mcode/en_chapitre_3.2.2.htm
4. Each consignment of caprine semen to Brazil must be accompanied by a bilingual Animal Health Certificate in English and Portuguese. The certificate shall be issued or endorsed by the Official Veterinary Service of the exporting country according to the health requirements Brazilian MAPA.
5. The donor goats were isolated from animals of a lesser health status under official supervision for at least 30 days prior to collection. During the pre-collection isolation, they remained free of clinical signs of diseases transmissible by semen. In addition,

during this time, but not more than 6 months prior to collection, the donor animals were tested, with negative results, for the diseases prescribed. Copies of test results must be attached to the health certificate.

6. The collection of samples for the tests required by the Brazilian MAPA shall be supervised by an Official or Accredited Veterinarian. The tests required by the Brazilian MAPA must be carried out in an Official Laboratory or in a laboratory accredited by the Official Veterinary Service of the exporting country.

7. The caprine semen must be collected, processed, packed, and stored in a manner consistent with the “Conditions applicable to the collection, processing, packing and storage of semen” (Article 3.2.2.4) described in the appendix pertaining to “Small ruminant semen” (appendix 3.2.2) of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

8. The importer must secure an import permit issued by the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply. The health documents need to be endorsed at a Brazilian consulate.

9. New combinations of antibiotics may be permitted if their efficacy has been confirmed and appropriate permission is sought of the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply.

10. A model “International Animal Health Certificate for Caprine Semen Exported from the United States” is available.